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RULES FOR TAKING THE MEASURES.

	Inches.
FIRST.—Height of arm from neck bone to arm pit,	7 1-2
SECOND.—Tip of shoulder,	3 3-4
THIRD.—Length of back waist,	16
FOURTH.—Half the width of back,	6 3-4
FIFTH.—Breast measure, very tight,	33
SIXTH.—Length of shoulder from neck bone on seam of the shoulder to the tip,	6 1-2
SEVENTH.—Chest measure, close up under the arms, around the largest part of the former and across the back,	36
EIGHTH.—Waist measure,	25
NINTH.—Neck; around the neck,	13 1-2
Add one inch,	
TENTH.—Length of point, from top of neck of dress in front to bottom of belt,	13 1-2
ELEVENTH.—Side seam, from arm pit to bottom of belt	9
TWELFTH.—Length of arm, from top of neck of dress on the shoulder to elbow,	18 1-2
From elbow to wrist,	10
To draft sleeve, take out 6 1-2 inches for shoulder.	
THIRTEENTH.—Hip; measure 8 inches below the belt, loose measure; then add 6 inches.	
FOURTEENTH.—Length of skirt at back,	
FIFTEENTH.—Length of skirt in front,	

TO DRAFT THE BACK.

Draw line No. 1 for centre of back, one inch from edge of paper; dot and draw a line at end of rule 2 1-16 in. for back neck; dot 3 3-4 in. for tip of shoulder; dot 7 1-2 in. for height of arm size; dot 16 in. for length of waist; dot for size of waist 1-6 of waist measure, or use waist rule and dot in No. of waist for the size of half of the back; dot 1-2 in. from line No. 1 on line 5; draw a line from dot on line 5 to corner of lines 1 and 2; dot for width of back on line 4, 6 3-4 in. from line No. 1; draw a line from dot for back neck (which is 1-16 of the breast measure) to line No. 3, 6 1-2 in.; draw line No. 8; draw line No. 9, 1-2 in. from line 8, taking 1-2 in. of side of body to No. 4 for skirt. (See diagram.)

TO DRAFT THE FRONT.

First draw line No. 1 on paper 1 1-2 in. from first edge of paper; draw line No. 2, 4 in. from left edge of paper, at right angles with line No. 1.; dot 4 in. from line No. 1 on line 2; dot 2 1-2 in. at right angles from last dot; draw line No. 3 from last dot to corner of lines 1 and 2; make dot 1-2 width of back neck under line 2, and the full width of back neck from line No. 1 to last dot. This gives point of shoulder, or the top of the front neck. Dot for height of front neck 1-6 of breast measure; draw line from dot for height of neck to dot for point of shoulder, thence to line 3. This gives the neck. To get shoulder of front, lay the centre of back on line 3 of front, the corner of neck and back 3-8 inside of neck line, and dot on neck line against shoulder of back; put point of shoulder and back neck on dot, and lower point of arm size of back 1-2 in. inside line 2; dot for outer point of shoulder of front at the end of shoulder of back, then draw curved line from dot to dot, as per diagram. For height of front arm size, 7 1-2 in. from point of shoulder. The distance is the same as that of the back, from line 2 to line 4. This is line No. 6, on which to get size of chest. Lay rule, square, or yard-stick, whichever you are using, on this line, one-half the size of chest from line 1 on line 6, 18 in.; take from the outer end the width of back, 6 3-4 in.; dot theron. The dot gives the centre of arm size. Dot each side of the centre of arm size the width of back neck. This gives outer and inner point of arm size. Draw line of

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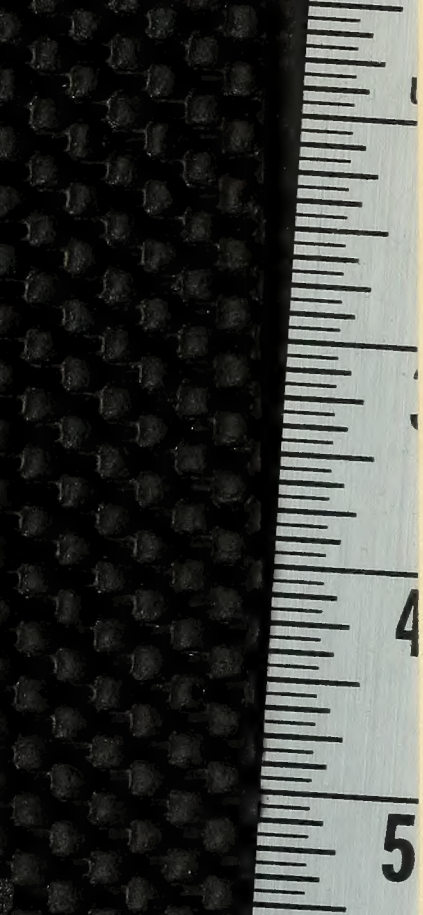

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